THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) With a view to reducing the health hazards of smoking, all State Governments/Union Territory administrations and Central Government Ministries/Departments etc. have been advised to enforce the existing legislation/instructions concerning non-smoking in different places of entertainment and public transport and to extend these to other public places.

Changes in army rules

705. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the army rules were recently codified, making progressive changes in the administrative, financial, material and management matters of the armed forces; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof and improvements brought about in the new code over the old rules?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) Amendments to Army Rules are an on-going process and appropriate amendments have been carried out, from time to time, since these were framed in 1954. The 'Regulations for the Army', earlier issued in 1962, have recently been revised and updated covering subjects relating to the day-to-day functioning of the Army. The new compilation is in diglot from, i.e. both in Hindi and English in conformity with Government Policy.

Programmes for tribals in 8th Five Year Plan

706. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the draft of the Eighth Five Year Plan incorporates a comprehensive programme for the upliftment of tribals, protection of their interests and preservation of their distinct culture and traditions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) The Eighth Five Year Plan is yet to be formulated. However, in accordance with the constitutional provisions and declared policy of the Governmet, programmes for development of Scheduled Tribes will continue in the Eighth Five Year Plan.

Sub-standard food items being sold by fast food vans in Delhi

707. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express of 14th March, 1989 to the effect that 50 per cent of fast food vans operating in Delhi do not have proper licences and are selling sub-standard food items;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of these fast foods are in reality Junk Foods which have little Nutritional value;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to put a ban on advertisement of such fast foods on TV/Radio so that unsuspecting consumers, especially children, are not lured by the misleading propaganda; and

(d) whether Government also propose to investigate into the malpractices regarding quality of food served by these vendors and ensure proper hygiene?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI